

DEPARTMENT OF  
**FISH AND GAME**






# CDFG Role Under CEQA

- California Environmental Quality Act
- Disclose to decision makers and the public the significant environmental effects of proposed projects and to identify ways to avoid or reduce environmental damage



# CEQA


- Lead Agency – the public agency which has the principal responsibility for carrying out or approving a project which may have a significant effect upon the environment
- Trustee Agency – a state agency that has jurisdiction by law over natural resources affected by a project, that are held in trust for the people of California
- Responsible Agency – the public agency, other than the lead agency which has responsibility for carrying out or approving a project



# CDFG Role- Trustee Agency

Trustee Agency under CEQA:


- Under State law the CDFG has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, and management of wildlife, native plants, and habitat necessary to maintain biologically sustainable populations.



# CDFG Role- Trustee Agency

Trustee Agency under CEQA (continued):

- CDFG consults with Lead and Responsible Agencies and provides the requisite biological expertise to review and comment upon environmental documents and impacts arising from project activities.



# CDFG Role- Trustee Agency

Trustee Agency under CEQA (continued):

- A Trustee Agency has jurisdiction over certain resources held in trust for the people of California. The CDFG is one of four Trustee Agencies. The others include the State Lands Commission, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the University of California.



# CDFG Role- Responsible Agency

- County Proposing a project
- County is Lead Agency under CEQA

## CDFG Role:

- In it's role as Responsible Agency CDFG uses the Lead Agency document to make decisions on the project related to resources and issuing permits.



# CDFG Permits

The Department takes on the role of a Responsible Agency when a Lead Agency needs to obtain a:

- CESA Incidental Take Permit – necessary if there is “take” of a listed species (state-endangered/state-threatened), or a
- Streambed Alteration Agreement

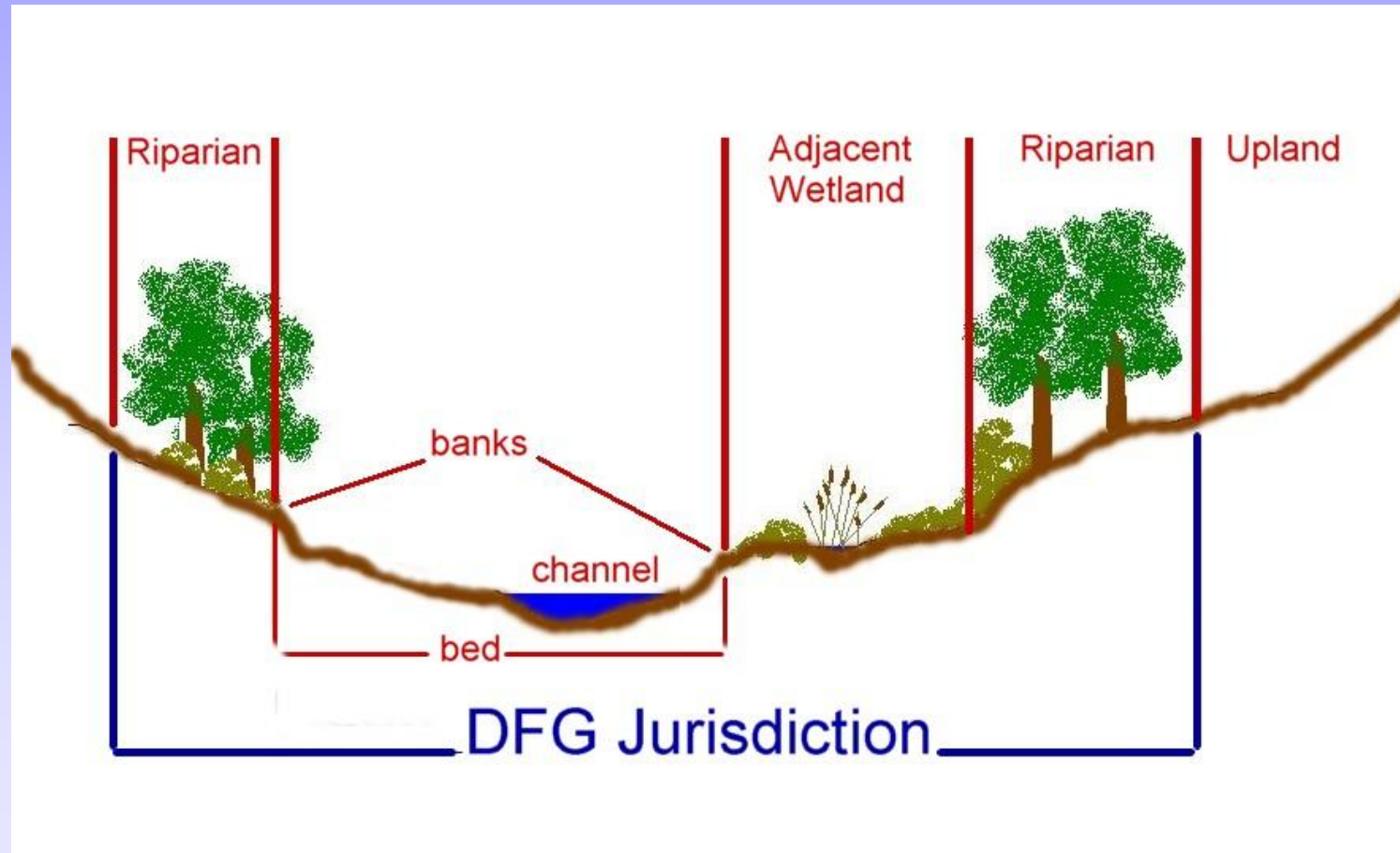




# Streambed Alteration Agreements

- Fish and Game Code Section 1600
- Summary: The law requires any person, state or local governmental agency, or public utility to notify the Department of any proposed activity that will alter a river, stream, or lake.

# Streambed Alteration Agreements - CDFG jurisdiction





# Streambed Alteration Agreements

- Notification
- The Agreement includes conditions necessary to protect those resources and must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

# More Information

- Department of Fish and Game website
- <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/>
- Resource Management tab
  - Environmental Review tab
    - California Environmental Quality Act Review (CEQA) <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/habcon/ceqa/>
    - Lake and Streambed Alteration Program (LSA) <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/habcon/1600/>

